

that patients experience result from misuse of standard restraint procedures.

Finally, the legislation would require that cases of severe injury and death be reported to the State's Protection and Advocacy Board, and the Secretary of Health and Human Services. Documentation of these cases is an essential mechanism for protecting the rights and liberties of the patients.

MORE JOBS IN THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 25, 1999

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to applaud the Department of Justice and SBC Communications for reaching an agreement which resolves the Department's antitrust concerns about SBC's pending merger with Ameritech. This agreement brings consumers one step closer to more options, lower prices and more substantial jobs in the telecommunications industry. The intent of the 1996 Telecommunications Act was to bring more competition to the telecommunications industry and this merger would be a good step towards a more competitive marketplace.

I commend SBC and Ameritech for their commitment to American workers. This proposed merger has the support of the AFL-CIO, the Communications Workers of America and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. SBC and Ameritech have committed to these labor unions that this merger will increase, not decrease, the number of good jobs in the telecommunications industry. SBC has already proven itself. Despite some critics' concerns, since SBC merged with Pacific Telesis, residential and business prices for basic local service in California have remained stable. In the meantime, SBC has also introduced new products and services and has created more than 2000 new jobs.

Mr. Speaker, I urge the FCC to move quickly in approving this merger and to enforce the Congressional intent of the 1996 Telecommunications Act to lower prices, provide more choices for consumers and create new jobs in the industry.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 25, 1999

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, on February 25, 1999, I was unavoidably detained during a rollcall vote: number 27, on Approving the Journal. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted "aye."

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO BARTON E. WOODWARD

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 25, 1999

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the late Barton E. Woodward, a Colorado water expert, who recently passed away at the age of 57.

Woodward was born near Snyder, Colorado, in 1941. He was a 1959 graduate of Snyder High School and received his degree in broadcast engineering in 1963 from Bob Jones University. Also in 1963, he and Roxanne Miller celebrated their marriage, and then moved to the family farm near Snyder.

In addition to being a farmer, Woodward pursued other interests including computer consulting and water engineering. For the past 15 years, he was very active in Colorado water issues, including serving on the board of directors of the Riverside Irrigation District and most recently as the district superintendent. As superintendent, he was instrumental in the construction of Vancil Reservoir.

He has also served as president of the Groundwater Appropriators of the South Platte since 1984 and currently was on the board of directors of the South Platte Lower River Group. He was a long-time member of Colorado Water Congress and former president, and also served as president of the Pioneer Water and Irrigation District.

Woodward also served the community as an activist in the Republican Party, serving as Morgan County Republican Party Chairman and on the Republican Central Committee.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to pay tribute to this man whose friends, including me, knew him to be a man of compassion, integrity and honesty. When he gave his word, you could count on it. His passion for agriculture and knowledge of resources will be sorely missed by the agricultural and water communities of eastern Colorado.

OUR THANKS TO SUSAN L. TAYLOR

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 25, 1999

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask my colleagues here in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in expressing appreciation to a remarkable woman of our times who will be lending her support to a school in my Congressional District this weekend, Ms. Susan L. Taylor.

Editor in Chief of Essence Magazine and Senior Vice President of Essence Communications, Ms. Taylor still manages to give generously of her time so that others might enjoy a fuller and richer life. On Saturday, March 27, she will be featured as the keynote speaker at an event entitled "An Afternoon of Inspiration" in support of New Hope Academy in Newark, New Jersey, so that the school may continue to offer young people the

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chance to achieve their dreams. She is a believer in the African proverb that "It takes a whole village to raise a child."

I was fortunate to serve on a panel at Essex County College several years ago with Ms. Taylor where the discussion centered around the challenges facing single parents. Her presentation was so impressive and dynamic that years later, people are still coming up to me and commenting about how well they recall that discussion.

Ms. Taylor has inspired many others with her outstanding professional success. Under her leadership, Essence Magazine enjoys a monthly circulation of 1 million and a readership of 7.6 million.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues share my appreciation for Ms. Taylor's generosity in sharing her time and talents with others. We thank her for her appearance in support of New Hope Academy and wish her continued success.

TRIBUTE TO NELLIE MACKAY

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 25, 1999

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ms. Nellie Mackay, an outstanding individual who has dedicated her life to public service. She will be honored this Saturday, March 27, by parents, family, friends, and professionals for her outstanding contributions to the community at the Sixth Annual Senior Citizen Luncheon hosted by the Patterson Volunteer Committee, Inc. at the Mott Haven Community Center.

Born in Elkton, Tennessee, Ms. Mackay moved to New York and has been a resident of Patterson Houses for 32 years. A 1986 graduate from Vermont College and graduate of Medical Aide Training School in 1997, she has certainly shown the importance of life long learning.

She is a Bronx State Committee member and a member of Community Planning board #1. Through her years of service, she has served on the National Advisory Council of Save a Marriage, the City of New York Child Abuse and Maltreatment committee, and New York University Food Service and Management program among many others.

Mr. Speaker, Nellie also visits Middletown New York Prison once a year to do a Black History workshop with inmates. She was the representative for Senior Citizens for Social Security from 1973 until 1975 and in 1979 she ran a workshop for children from the Mott Haven Day Care Center about their heritage, which appeared in Big Red newspaper. She has been involved in a wide variety of community activities, including volunteer work with the elderly and marriage counseling.

The business, professional, and civic organizations to which she belonged, like the honors and awards she was given are almost beyond counting.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Nellie Mackay for her outstanding achievements and her enduring commitment to the community.